

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)  
Meeting Minutes—November 28, 2016  
Northport City Hall

Judge McCollum called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Commission Member Attendees: Judge Hardy McCollum, Chair; Mayor Walt Maddox; Mayor Donna Aaron; Jim Page; Senator Gerald Allen; Representative Chris England; Dara Longgear

Other Attendees: Alyce Spruell, Nicole Hampton, Harrison Taylor, Tera Tubbs, Glenda Webb, David Kemp, Bill Poole, Ron Davis, Julie Ramm, Nick Crane, Wallace McAdory, David Norris, Robert Spence, Eddie Pugh, John Powell Webb, Jason Morton, Rick Harbin.

Meeting minutes from October 24 meeting were corrected to indicate Dara Longgear's presence and to show a change requested by Rick Harbin. The minutes were approved with changes unanimously after a motion by Jim Page seconded by Gerald Allen.

Accountant Rick Harbin gave an accounting report to the Commission, reporting a current cash balance of approximately \$2M. Harbin stated that an average number that can be used for budgeting is around \$695K per month. Harbin provided a financial compilation to the Commission members for review and stated that the idea was to account for monies such that the records are prepared for the auditors at JamisonMoneyFarmer to review.

Res. 16-019 was provided to the Commission for review before consideration at the December 19 meeting. The resolution allows the City of Tuscaloosa, City of Northport, and Tuscaloosa County to request reimbursement from the Commission for dollars already expended on priority projects, if funds are available, in December 2016 and moving forward on a quarterly basis.

Counsel for the City of Northport, Ron Davis, provided the Commission with an overview of the City's expenditures on Mitt Lary Road work and stated that the total project reimbursement Northport will seek from the Commission is approximately \$7.7M. This requested amount excludes the cost Northport incurred to purchase water customers from Carroll's Creek Water Authority, although it was noted that purchasing those customers actually lowered the total project cost.

- It was raised whether the agreement between Northport and Carroll's Creek required Carroll's Creek to move their lines at their own expense because of placement in a right of way. ALDOT representatives noted that for state roads, they usually have to pay for the movement. Davis agreed to check into this for December meeting.
- Commission members agreed that funding resolution should be written to begin repayment at \$200K/month beginning in January 2017.
- Res. 16-020 to authorize the reimbursement will be considered by the Commission at the December 19 meeting.

Commission counsel Alyce Spruell and ALDOT representatives provided updates on certain priority projects:

1. Bear Creek Cutoff Intersection Improvements: This project was let and low bid came in approximately \$800K over initial estimate (project was bracketed above estimate, as well). Bid has not been awarded yet.
2. Martin Road/Union Chapel Road: Spruell is hopeful that both of these will come in under-budget.
3. Hwy 82/McFarland: The portion of this project from James Harrison Pkwy to Skyland Blvd may be split from the TCRIC projects due to alternate funding.
4. McWright's Ferry: COT updated the Commission that it is petitioning to retain the federal dollars already allocated to the project.
5. 69S/Skyland Blvd Intersection: Major cost increase happening here (\$41M originally estimated, now at \$55M). The environmental document is underway, but ALDOT does not anticipate a lengthy process because a new road is not involved.

The signalization project initiated by Dr. Hanien at UA has begun implementation, but the true test of it will be once traffic picks back up for the university in January.

FHWA had a meeting regarding TEB at ALDOT on the 21<sup>st</sup> and it went well. The FHWA representative gave attendees some ideas for finding funding necessary to have TEB put back on the STIP.

A brief discussion occurred regarding funding streams for the Commission. It was raised that bond funding may be necessary as early as summer 2017 because of Bear Creek Cutoff Intersection. Spruell stated that she hopes to get an update on the infrastructure bank this week and agreed that funding is imminent. The question was also raised how we are reimbursed by ALDOT and although it is not in writing in the ALDOT funding agreement, ALDOT representatives stated that logistically it can happen on as frequently as a monthly basis.

The Commission set its next meeting for Monday, December 19 at 7:30 a.m.

Judge McCollum adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. McCollum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.